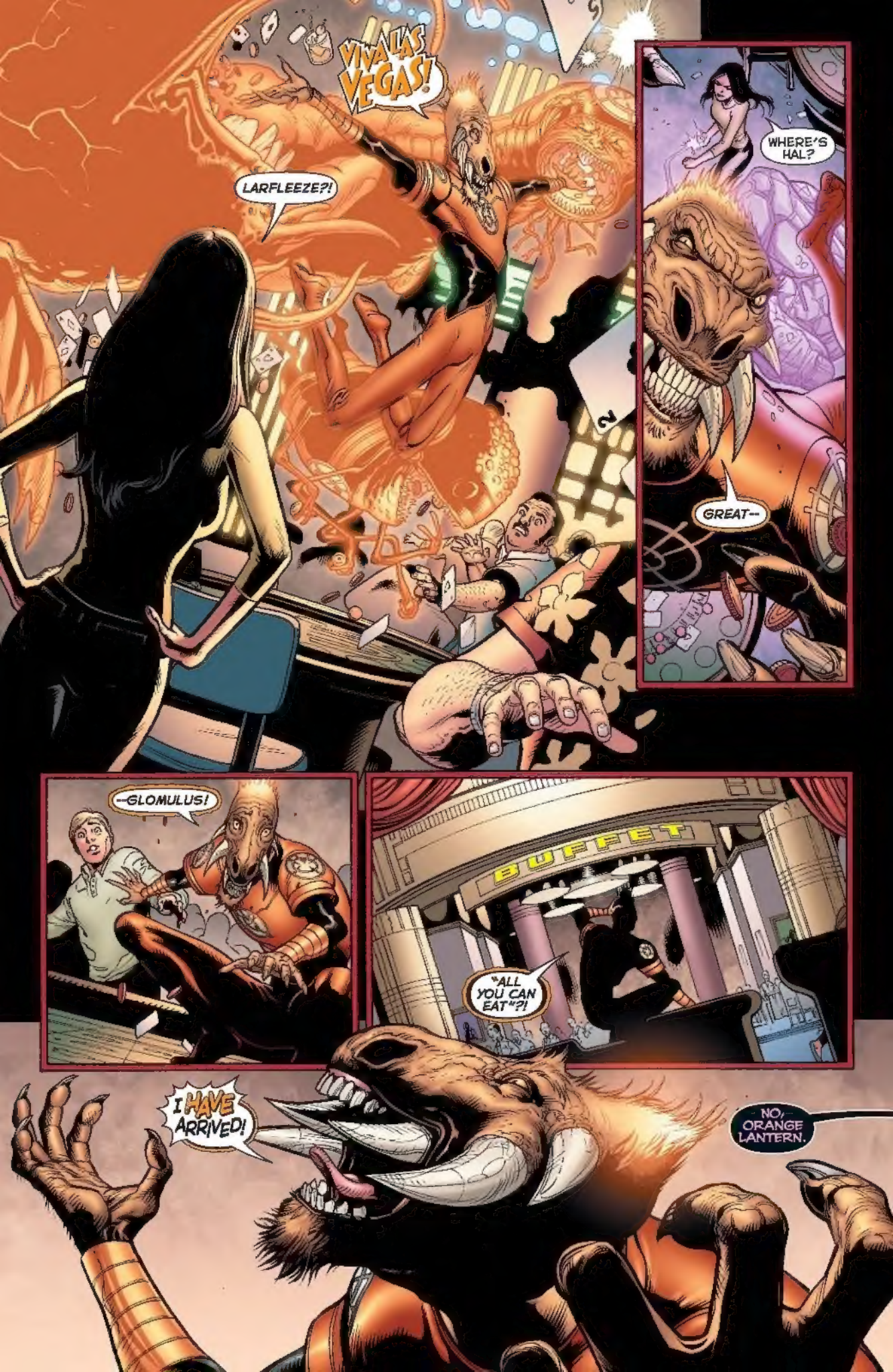
HOW LONG HAVE YOU WATCHED HER?
AAHHHH!!
RRRRFFF.
WHAT ARE YOU?
YOU OBSESS OVER HER.
THAT IS NOT LOVE, ABRAHAM.
TO LOVE SOMEONE YOU MUST FIRST KNOW THEM.
SO STOP JUST WATCHING HER.

"AND LET'S DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT TOGETHER!"
WARNING. THE PREDATOR IS IN THE VICINITY.
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?!
OUTTA MY WAY!
AIIEEE!
OH, COME ON.


VIVA LAS VEGAS!
LARFLEEZE?!
WHERE'S HAL?
GREAT--
--GLOMULUS!
BUFFET
"ALL YOU CAN EAT"?!
I HAVE ARRIVED!
NO, ORANGE LANTERN.

I HAVE.
SAPPHIRE.
YOU'RE LOOKING LOVELY TONIGHT.
BUT I'M NOT HERE FOR YOU.

CAROL?!
CAROL, ARE YOU--?
FINE, HAL. I TAKE IT YOU BROUGHT LARFLEEZE.
LONG STORY SHORT, HECTOR HAMMOND SWALLOWED HIS LANTERN. AND HECTOR SAID HE WAS COMING AFTER YOU.
I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF.
I KNOW THAT BETTER THAN ANYONE, CAROL, BUT IF HECTOR'S POWER'S BEEN COMBINED WITH OPHIDIAN'S--
IT'S NOT HECTOR IN THERE.
IT'S THE PREDATOR.
THEY ALL STARTED SHOVING ME AND I... WELL, I JUST GOT TURNED AROUND. I DIDN'T KNOW WHERE TO GO.
IT'S ALL RIGHT, MA'AM. I'M GOING TO HELP YOU TO THE EXIT, OKAY?
OH, THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH.
LISA.
OH, MY WONDERFUL, BEAUTIFUL, PRECIOUS LISA.
STAY AWAY.
NO. NO, I'VE STAYED AWAY FOR FAR TOO LONG. IT'S BEEN LONELY. SO TERRIBLY LONELY LOVING YOU FROM AFAR.
BUT NOW I FINALLY HAVE THE POWER--
--TO MAKE YOU LOVE ME.

SPOKEN LIKE A TRUE GENTLEMAN.

THAT WAS ABRAHAM'S PROBLEM. HE NEVER MADE AN EFFORT TO GO AFTER WHAT HE LOVED.
HE WATCHED LISA EVERY DAY BUT HE DID NOTHING ABOUT IT.
BUT I'M GOING TO HELP HIM ATTAIN TRUE LOVE.
AND AS A STAR SAPPHIRE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE PROTECTING THAT!
YOU RUINED MY BUFFET!
YAAGGG-GG!
AND I CAN SENSE YOU HAVE NO LOVE FOR ANYONE BUT YOURSELF.
I KNOW HOW SAD THAT IS.
I KNOW HOW SAD YOU TRULY ARE DEEP INSIDE.

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THE ENTITY'S CORRUPTING ITS HOST JUST LIKE PARALLAX CORRUPTED ME.
NO. I THINK IT'S THE OTHER WAY AROUND, HAL.
CAROL, SO FAR ALL OF THESE ENTITIES ARE BAD NEWS. PARALLAX, OPHIDIAN, NOW THE PREDATOR.
WHAT ABOUT ION? YOU'RE WRONG, HAL. WE'RE NOT SEEING SOMETHING.

I SAW SOMETHING...MY FAMILY...THEY'RE ALIVE...
DON'T LET OUR RELATIONSHIP DEFINE WHAT LOVE IS, HAL.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I KNOW MORE THAN ANYONE HOW PAINFUL LOVE CAN BE, HOW LOST AND HOPELESS IT CAN MAKE YOU FEEL WHEN IT'S NOT RETURNED THE WAY YOU WANT IT TO BE.
CAROL, I--
SAVE IT. THIS ISN'T ABOUT US, HAL. LOVE MIGHT BE COMPLICATED--

--BUT I REFUSE TO BELIEVE THAT TRUE LOVE IS EVER A BAD THING.

I NEED YOUR HELP.
MINE?
THAT MAN HAS BEEN POSSESSED BY AN ALIEN PARASITE. I CAN BREAK THE CONNECTION, BUT I NEED TO DO IT EMOTIONALLY.
WHO IS HE? AN EX-BOY-FRIEND?
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE.

NO, YOU NEVER NOTICED ME BEFORE, LISA.
I'VE COME INTO THIS CASINO EVERY DAY FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS TO WATCH YOU.
YOU'RE SO NICE TO EVERYONE. I WANT YOU TO BE NICE TO ME.
I WANT YOU TO LOVE ME!
YOU CAN'T MAKE LISA LOVE YOU, ABRAHAM. AND YOU CAN'T MAKE YOU LOVE HER EITHER.
I DO LOVE HER.
THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LOVE AND INFATUATION.
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW ANYTHING BUT HER NAME, DO YOU?
I WANT TO LOVE HER.
I WANT TO KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE LOVED.
WE ALL DO.
CAROL--

CAROL FERRIS OF EARTH, YOU HAVE RETRIEVED THE PREDATOR.
COME HOME.
"LOVE IS UNSTABLE."

LOVE CANNOT BE RELIED UPON.
OOOH! PRETTY!
DID YOU REALLY NEED TO KISS HIM?
I NEEDED HIM TO FEEL LOVED TO BREAK THE CONNECTION WITH THE PREDATOR.
WE WILL IMPRISON THE PREDATOR WITHIN THE BATTERY AND THEREFORE RECREATE A SUSTAINABLE SOURCE OF POWER--
NO.
CAROL FERRIS, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
YOU DON'T NEED ANYTHING BEYOND THE LANTERN ITSELF TO COLLECT AND CONCENTRATE THE LOVE GENERATED THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE.
THE LANTERN TECHNOLOGY THE GUARDIANS PIONEERED ALL FUNCTIONS THE SAME. AND NONE OF THE OTHER LANTERNS NEED ANYTHING MORE THAN BELIEF.
AND IT WOULD BE WRONG TO IMPRISON THE PREDATOR.
DO NOT BE FOOLISH, STAR SAPPHIRE 2814.
BACK AWAY FROM THE CREATURE BEFORE WE FORCE YOU TO.
LISTEN TO ME. THE PREDATOR IS SEEKING A HOST THAT DOESN'T KNOW WHAT LOVE IS. THE HOST IS THE ONE CORRUPTING IT, NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND.
CAROL, YOU DON'T KNOW--

I DO KNOW, HA... IT POSSESSED ME. IT POSSESSED ME WHEN YOU AND I WERE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT OUR RELATIONSHIP WAS GOING TO BE.
YOU GAVE UP THE RING. WE THOUGHT THAT'S ALL IT WOULD TAKE. BUT WE WERE BOTH WRONG.
IT'S NEVER BEEN THE RING THAT WAS IN THE WAY.
RESTRAIN THEM!
ZAMARONS, STOP.
CAROL FERRIS MAY BE RIGHT.
THE LANTERN DOES NOT NEED TOTEMS. IT NEEDS OUR ABSOLUTE FAITH IN THE POWER WE WIELD.
AND IT SHALL HAVE IT...AND WITH MY LAST BREATH...
...I PASS ON THE TITLE OF QUEEN OF THE STAR SAPPHIRES...
...TO CAROL FERRIS OF EARTH.
THIS...I COMMAND.
QUEEN AGA'PO IS DEAD...

ALL HAIL CAROL FERRIS!
ALL HAIL THE NEW QUEEN OF THE STAR SAPPHIRES!
I WANT TO BE QUEEN!

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CHAPTER SIX

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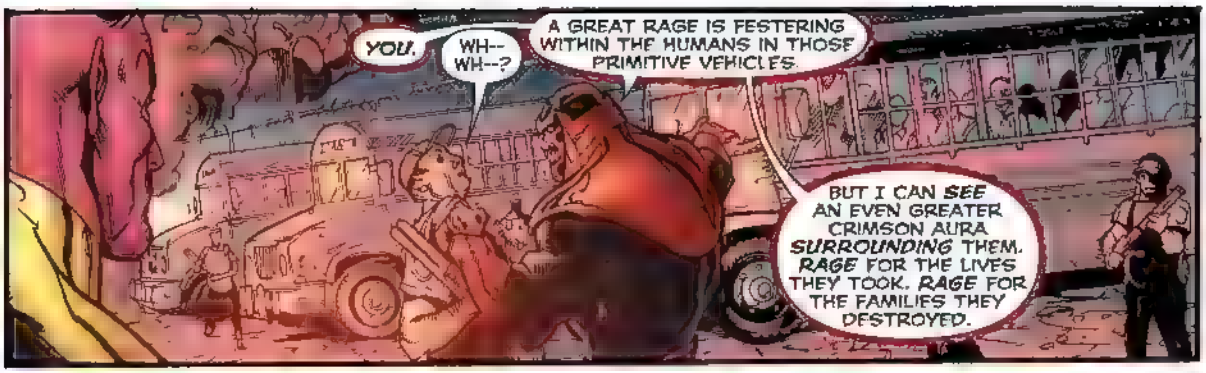
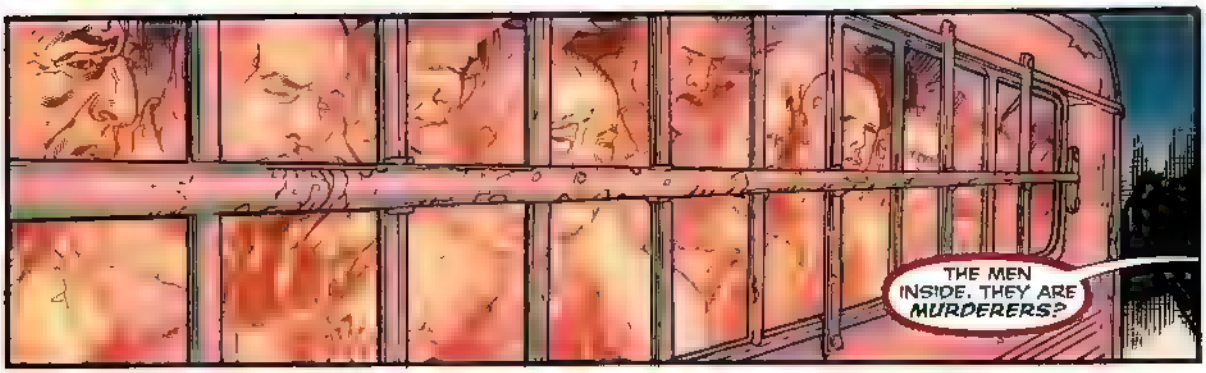
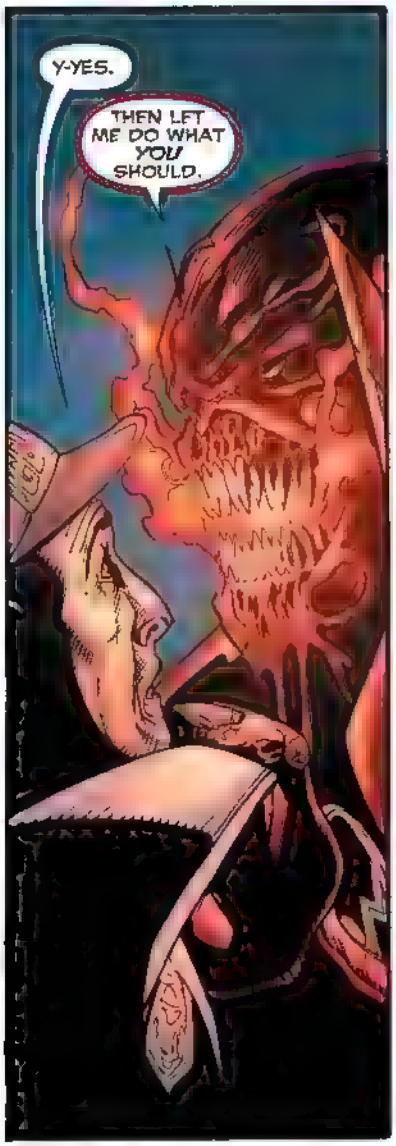
SPACE SECTOR 2814.
DEER LODGE, MONTANA
MONTANA STATE PRISON
DEPUTY? WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED?!
HELL HAPPENED, WARDEN.
SOME...DEMON ATTACKED THE PRISON LAST NIGHT.
"IT LOOKED LIKE A GIANT BULL MADE OF BURNING CHARCOAL. THING CAME CRASHIN' THROUGH THE WALL, GUTTING EVERY INMATE IT COULD WITH ITS HORNS. STAMPEDING ACROSS THE GROUNDS.
"LIKE IT WAS LOOKIN' FOR SOMEONE."
CELLBLOCK ONE WAS TOTALLY DESTROYED. DEATH ROW WAS TORN OPEN.
THEN IT RAN OFF.
WE MANAGED TO CORRAL ALL THE SURVIVING PRISONERS INTO THE BUSES--
--BUT EVEN WITH SOME HELP FROM MISSOULA, WE STILL HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO PUT OUT THE FIRE.
WATER DOESN'T DO ANYTHING TO IT--
THAT'S BECAUSE IT IS NOT FIRE, HUMAN.

IT IS RAGE.
WHAT THE--?
THE BUTCHER WAS HERE SINESTRO
IT WAS HERE LOOK NG FOR A HOST
GOOD.
THEN WE KNOW WHOEVER S HUNTING THE ENTITIES HAS YET TO CAPTURE TH S ONE.
YOJ BOTH ..YOU BOTH HOLD T R GHT THERE NOW
DON'T POINT YOUR WEAPON AT ME, OFFICER.
OR I'LL POINT BACK.
I SENSE GREAT RAGE PERMEATING THESE WALLS
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?


YOU.
WH--WH--?
A GREAT RAGE IS FESTERING WITHIN THE HUMANS IN THOSE PRIMITIVE VEHICLES.
BUT I CAN SEE AN EVEN GREATER CRIMSON AURA SURROUNDING THEM. RAGE FOR THE LIVES THEY TOOK. RAGE FOR THE FAMILIES THEY DESTROYED.


THE MEN INSIDE. THEY ARE MURDERERS?


Y-YES.
THEN LET ME DO WHAT YOU SHOULD.

SWOOOSH!!!!!!

YYAAAAAAAA

BOOOOMMMMMM
NOT THAT I CARE EITHER WAY ABOUT THOSE PRISONERS, ATROCITUS, BUT WHY DO YOU?
THOSE WHO TAKE LIFE DESERVE TO LOSE IT.
YOU DO KNOW HOW *IRONIC* THAT IS COMING FROM YOU.
WHAT'S *IRONIC* IS THAT I HAVEN'T DONE THE SAME TO YOU, SINESTRO
YOU'RE MORE THAN WELCOME TO *TRY*.
YOU'VE GIVEN ME SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO. THAT...

"...AND THE LOOK ON JORDAN'S FACE WHEN HE FINDS OUT WHAT YOU JUST DID."
ZAMARON.
HOMEWORLD TO THE STAR SAPPHIRES.
YOU'RE NOT SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING THIS, ARE YOU?
HOW CAN I NOT, HAL?
"A DYING ALIEN QUEEN APPOINTED ME HER SUCCESSOR."
COME ON, CAROL. THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT THE ZAMARONS TRIED TO TURN YOU INTO WHEN YOU WERE FIRST ABDUCTED BY THEM. YOU DON'T WANT TO BE QUEEN OF THE STAR SAPPHIRES.
THAT ISN'T YOUR DESTINY.
DESTINY DOESN'T EXIST, HAL. LIFE HAPPENS. AND WE ALL MAKE A CHOICE WHEN IT DOES.
THERE'S SOMEONE ON EARTH STEALING THE ENTITIES FOR REASONS WE DON'T KNOW YET, CAROL. THESE ENTITIES HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO DESTROY LIVES.
JUST LIKE PARALLAX DESTROYED MINE.

BACK OFF, ROMEO!
HAL, STOP IT.
EASY, BOY.
HNNFFF
LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GOT A NEW BOYFRIEND.
DON'T YOU HAVE A NEW GIRLFRIEND?
GO HOME TO YOUR COWGIRL. I'M FINE.

THERE'S AN ENTIRE ARMY OF STAR SAPPHIRES ON THIS WORLD, BACKED BY THE ZAMARONS, TO PROTECT THE PREDATOR IF ANY-ONE COMES AFTER THEM.
HECTOR.
OR IF HECTOR COMES AFTER ME.
BUT--
THE STAR SAPPHIRES NEED MY HELP. THEY CAN BE REDIRECTED INTO SOMETHING BETTER THAN THEY ARE.
SO WHEN ARE YOU COMING HOME?
I USED TO ASK YOU THAT SAME QUESTION.
AND I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU THE SAME ANSWER YOU GAVE ME.
WHEN MY JOB IS DONE.

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LIVONIA, MICHIGAN.
...CONTINUING DAY TWO OF THE SEARCH FOR FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD NICOLE MORRISON.
NICOLE WAS LAST SEEN TUESDAY AFTERNOON LEAVING BATES HAMBURGERS AT 5 MILE AND FARMINGTON.
SINCE THEN, HUNDREDS HAVE VOLUNTEERED AND HAVE BEEN SEARCHING THE AREA. EARLIER THIS MORNING, NICOLE'S BACKPACK WAS FOUND IN A DUMPSTER IN WARREN.
MY DAUGHTER IS STRONG AND SHE'S FIGHTING WHOEVER TOOK HER.
I KNOW SHE IS.
AND I...
...I...
...I WANT MY DAUGHTER BACK.
NICOLE.
KLK

YOU NEED TO EAT SOMETHING.
NOW LISTEN TO ME, SWEETIE. OTHER GIRLS HAVE BEEN HERE. AND SOME OF THEM CRIED AN AWFUL LOT BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T DO WHAT I TOLD THEM TO DO.
YOU'RE GOING TO DO WHATEVER I SAY. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
SO. EAT SOMETHING.
I FORGIVE YOU.
YOU FORGIVE ME?
FOR TAKING ME AWAY FROM MY FAMILY. FOR BRINGING ME HERE.
MY MOTHER ALWAYS SAYS WE NEED TO FORGIVE THOSE WHO DO WRONG.
SO I FORGIVE YOU.
AND I HOPE YOU FORGIVE ME.

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YAAA!
NO!
YOU BELONG TO ME!
I WAS TRYING TO BE NICE.
HUNNFF!
I'M NOT GOING TO BE NICE ANYMORE.
NICOLE MORRISON OF EARTH.

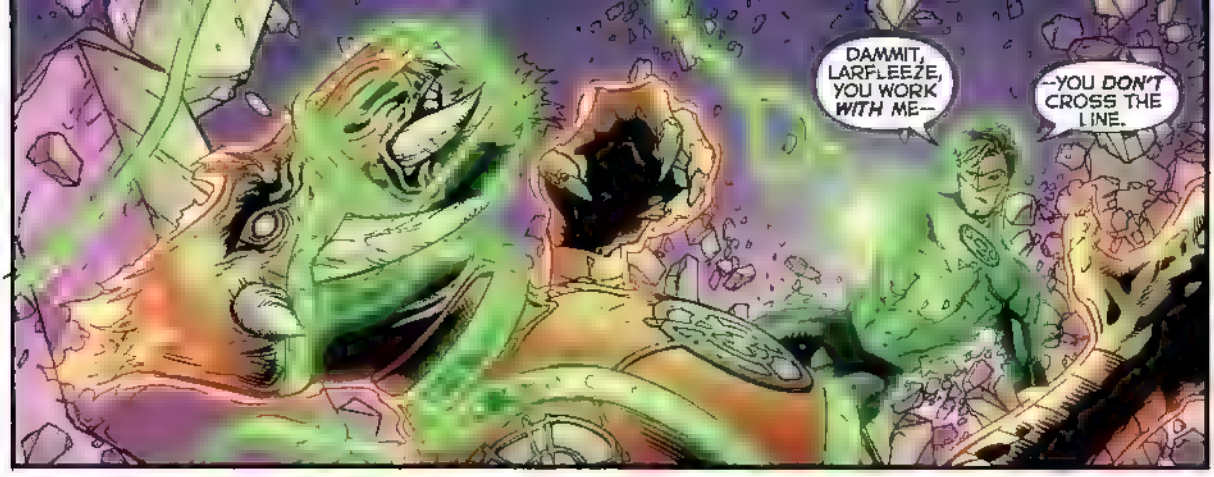
ALL WILL BE WELL

HNNN!
NNGGF!
YOU HAVE RIPPED FAITH FROM OTHERS THROUGH YOUR EVIL ACTS, WINSTON WOODS.
BUT I FORGIVE YOU.
AND THE WHOLE WORLD WILL KNOW IT.

HOPE BURNS BRIGHT
COME ON NOW, ORANGE LANTERNS! REPORT FOR DUTY!
HEE!
AAK!
POP
I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH POWER TO CONSTRUCT MY CORPS! MY POOR CORPS! I NEED MY LANTERN. I WANT IT!
RING! CHECK POWER LEVELS!
POWER LEVELS 74%
CHECK THEM AGAIN!
POWER LEVELS 74%
WHAT'S GOING ON?
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE QUIET NOW, ABRAHAM POINTE OF EARTH! UNTIL GREEN LANTERN BRINGS YOU BACK TO LAS VEGAS TO ANSWER FOR YOUR RIDICULOUS CRIMES. SO DON'T BOTHER ME!
I...KNOW YOU. WHEN THE PREDATOR WAS...INSIDE ME. I SAW YOU. I SAW YOU CRYING. A LONG TIME AGO.
YOU WERE RIPPED AWAY FROM YOUR FAMILY.
LARFLEEZE...
...THAT'S NOT EVEN YOUR TRUE NAME.

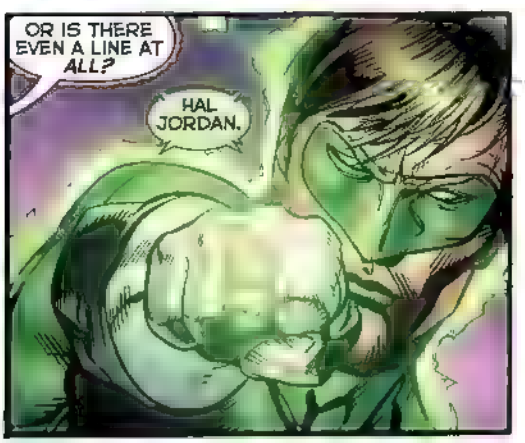
I WANT YOU TO SHUT UP!
YOU WON'T UTTER MY NAME!
YOU WON'T EVEN WHISPER IT!

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?
I TOLD YOU TO WATCH HIM AND WAIT!
HE STOLE MY PRIVACY! HE DIES FOR THAT!


DAMMIT, LARFLEEZE, YOU WORK *WITH* ME--
--YOU *DON'T* CROSS THE LINE.

CROSS THE *LINE,* GREEN LANTERN? *YOU'RE* THE ONE WORKING WITH *ME. SINESTRO, ATROCITUS.* AND *NOT* YOUR GREEN LANTERNS.

SO WHO'S CROSSING *WHAT* LINE?


OR IS THERE EVEN A LINE AT *ALL?*
HAL JORDAN.

SAINT WALKER?
YOU MUST COME RIGHT AWAY.
IT IS TIME FOR A CELEBRATION, MY FRIEND!
ADARA HAS CHOSEN!

THE CENTRAL PRECINCT OF THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS.
"HOPE IS HERE!"
WHAT IS IT, SALAAK? MORE PRISONERS TO HOUSE IN THE SCIENCE CELLS?
QUITE THE CONTRARY, VOX.
HAL JORDAN'S RING HASN'T LOGGED ANY ARRESTS, OR A SINGLE CONFRONTATION, SINCE THE DAY AFTER WE DEFEATED NEKRON AND HIS BLACK LANTERNS.
HE'S DOING WHAT MOST HUMANS DO AFTER A LONG STRETCH OF WORK, SALAAK!
AND WHAT IS THAT, LARVOX?
TAKING SOME WELL-DESERVED "R & R!"
"R & R"?
REST AND RELAXATION.
YOU SHOULD DO THAT YOURSELF SOMETIME. IT'S REALLY RATHER PLEASANT!
SINCE WHEN HAS HAL JORDAN EVER TAKEN R & R?
HM.
I AM BEGINNING TO SUSPECT HAL JORDAN'S RING IS EITHER MALFUNCTIONING--

"... OR HE DOESN'T WANT THE GUARDIANS TO KNOW WHAT HE'S UP TO."
WE AGREED TO FIND THESE ENTITIES AND CONTAIN THEM, SAINT WALKER.
YES, BUT ADARA HAS CHOSEN TO BOND WITH THIS GIRL. ONCE SHE REVEALS WHY, WE WILL ESCORT HER BACK TO ODYM.

SHE'S JUST A KID.
AND SHE'S BEEN KIDNAPPED ONCE ALREADY.
MAYBE SHE CAN HELP ME FIND MY LANTERN!

WHAT'S SHE DOING UP HERE?
I THINK SHE'S WAITING FOR US.
ADARA.
WELCOME TO EARTH.

ADARA?
MY NAME'S NICOLE.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I'M LISTENING FOR HOPELESSNESS.
I CAN HEAR MY PARENTS' HOPE FILLING THEIR HEARTS. AND THE HEARTS OF THOSE AROUND THEM. THEY'RE SO HAPPY. I'M OKAY.
THERE'S SO MUCH HOPE DOWN BELOW.
...OH.
YOU'RE A FUNNY-LOOKING CREATURE.
I CAN SENSE THE EMPTY VOID WITHIN YOU.
PFFT! I'M NOT THE ONE WITHOUT A SNOUT!
YOU MUST MEAN MY STOMACH! I HAVEN'T EATEN IN TWO HOURS!
NO. THERE IS A PIT INSIDE YOU THAT YOU HAVE BEEN TRYING TO FILL FOR CENTURIES.
I AM HERE TO GIVE YOU HOPE.
YOU KNOW WHERE I CAN FIND MY LANTERN?!
YOUR PARENTS ARE STILL ALIVE.
AND THEY STILL MISS YOU.
THEY... DO?
WHAT EMPTY VOID IS INSIDE YOU--?
I'M FINE.
ADARA WANTS TO GIVE YOU HOPE.
I'M ALL FULL UP. NOW WHY DOESN'T ADARA FIND THE EXIT DOOR AND LET YOU GET BACK TO YOUR PARENTS. THEY'RE DOWN THERE. THEY WANT TO SEE YOU--

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THE TRUTH IS YOU DO HOPE.
YOU'RE JUST AFRAID TO.
WHY?
HNNN.
HEY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I WAS ABOUT TO ASK YOU THE SAME *QUESTION*, LARFLEEZE.
WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT YOU AND YOUR *NEW* FRIENDS, GREEN LANTERN.
RIGHT
NOW.

THE NEW GUARDIANS
CHAPTER SEVEN

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HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.
WEEOOOWEEOOO WEEOOO
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!
LA
AMBULANCE
THIS ONE HAS INSURANCE, SHANE.
AND THIS ONE'S GOT TWO GUNSHOT WOUNDS TO THE ABDOMEN!
THAT GUY TOOK A BULLET IN THE SHOULDER. HE'LL SURVIVE.
I DON'T CARE WHO HAS WHAT, GET OVER HERE AND--
HOOOOONK
WHAMM

KKRRAAAAKK
BAMM BAMM
THOOM
KKKFFF
N-NO...
...HAVE TO S-SAVE THEM...
PLEASE.
NOK.

NOK.

WH-WHO ARE Y--?
--AAAAHHH!
I AM BLACK HAND.
I AM A FRIEND.
NOK.
SHANE THOMPSON OF EARTH...
FSSHH
...YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BY PROSELYTE!

"I'VE GOT THIS UNDER CONTROL."
LIVONIA, MICHIGAN
YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING UNDER CONTROL, HAL.
FOR STARTERS, A TEENAGED GIRL'S BEEN POSSESSED BY AN ALIEN ENTITY.
NICOLE MORRISON IS FINE, FLASH. BETTER THAN FINE. SHE HAS BEEN BLESSED BY ADARA, THE LIVING EMBODIMENT OF HOPE.
ALL WILL BE WELL.
I'M, UH, I'M GOING TO FIX THAT.
UH, HUH.

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HOW ARE YOU GOING TO *FIX* THE THREE BUSES FULL OF PRISONERS ATROCITUS *BLEW UP* THIS MORNING?
WHAT?
TELL ME YOU DIDN'T KNOW ATROCITUS AND SINESTRO WERE STILL ON EARTH. TELL ME YOU'RE NOT STILL WORKING WITH THEM.
...
INMATES BURN!
HAL?
I HAVE NO CHOICE, BARRY.
NO, YOU HAD NO CHOICE WHEN YOU THOUGHT YOUR COMBINED *LIGHT* WAS THE ONLY THING THAT COULD *DEFEAT* NEKRON.
NOW WE HAVE THE EMOTIONAL ENTITIES TO DEAL WITH AND AT LEAST TWO ARE ALREADY MISSING, INCLUDING *PARALLAX*.
WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IF I WAS PLAYING *BRAVE* AND THE *BOLD* WITH THE REVERSE-FLASH? WHY NOT ASK YOUR *FRIENDS* FOR HELP INSTEAD OF SOMEONE LIKE *SINESTRO?*
BECAUSE YOU CAN'T TRACK THE ENTITIES LIKE WE CAN.
WE HAVE *EMPATHS* AND *TELEPATHS* ON OUR SIDE. *RAVEN.* *J'ONN.*
EVEN IF THEY *COULD* FIND THEM, IT'S TOO DANGEROUS.
"TOO DANGEROUS"?
SINCE WHEN HAS THAT STOPPED US?

I'M SERIOUS, BARRY.
YOU WEREN'T HERE WHEN PARALLAX FIRST POSSESSED ME. YOU DIDN'T SEE ME MURDER MY FELLOW LANTERNS OR TRY TO KILL MY FRIENDS.
I LET PARALLAX TURN ME INTO A MONSTER.
AND NOW YOU'RE WORKING WITH MONSTERS.
YOU USED PARALLAX TO OUR ADVANTAGE BATTLING THE SPECTRE, HAL.
WHY IS IT TOO DANGEROUS FOR ME?
I SPENT YEARS FIGHTING PARALLAX'S INFLUENCE, BARRY.
IT TOOK EVERYTHING I HAD TO BREAK ITS HOLD. I'M NOT GOING TO RISK YOUR BEING EXPOSED TO THESE THINGS.
THIS IS MY RESPONSIBILITY--

"- AND MINE ALONE."
HAL JORDAN HAS OFTEN BEEN A PROBLEM FOR THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS.
CENTRAL PRECINCT TO THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS.
THE OINVT HALL OF THE GUARDIANS.
YET WE HAVE COME TO ACCEPT HAL JORDAN'S INABILITY TO TRULY AND SINCERELY RECOGNIZE OUR AUTHORITY
I AGREE, GUARDIANS, HAL JORDAN HAS BEEN A VITAL ASSET TO THE CORPS DESPITE HIS OBVIOUS FAIL AND RETURN. AND TRUTH BE TOLD, HE COULD BE CONSIDERED A FRIEND IF I CHOSE TO HAVE ANY. BUT IF I MAY...
BECAUSE HE PROVES HIMSELF CAPABLE OF HANDLING EVEN THE GREATEST OF THREATS TO THE UNIVERSE, HOWEVER UNORTHODOX HIS APPROACH.
LET IT BE REMINDED HIS FAILURE TO "FOLLOW THE RULES" IS NOT LIMITED TO HIS SERVICE WITHIN THE CORPS.
SPEAK YOUR MIND, LANTERN SALAAK
AS SENIOR ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS, I PRESIDE OVER THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, RECORDS AND TRANSCRIBES THE ACTIVITY AND STATUS OF EVERY MEMBER OF THE CORPS INTO THE BOOK OF OA.
UNTIL NOW.
DESPITE A CONFIRMED ACTIVE STATUS, HAL JORDAN'S RING IS REPORTING NO DETAILED ACTIVITY
AND WHY DO YOU THINK THAT IS?

I BELIEVE IT TO BE DELIBERATE. HAL JORDAN IS HIDING HIS ACTIVITY FROM THE CORPS.
DESPITE HIS LEADERSHIP IN DISMANTLING THE BLACK LANTERNS, HE DID SUBJECT HIMSELF TO EXPOSURE TO PARALLAX DURING THAT WAR.
NOW WHETHER THAT AFFECTED HIM OR NOT, WHO'S TO KNOW, BUT IT'S CLEAR HE'S ATTEMPTING TO WORK *OUTSIDE* OF THE SYSTEM.
IT'S MY DUTY, AS ASSIGNED BY YOU, TO ENSURE *NO* GREEN LANTERN DOES THAT.
ALERT THE ALPHA-LANTERNS AND SEND THEM TO EARTH FOR INVESTIGATION.
THE ALPHA-LANTERNS ARE STILL RECOVERING FROM THEIR MANIPULATION BY THE CYBORG-SUPERMAN. CURRENTLY, THEY'RE UNRELIABLE AND PERHAPS EVEN INCAPABLE OF CONFRONTING THIS SITUATION WITH THE DELICATE APPROACH THAT IS REQUIRED.
PERHAPS.
I DO NOT WISH TO CONFRONT HAL JORDAN USING THE STANDARDIZED INTERNAL AFFAIRS PROTOCOLS. I WISH TO PUT HIM UNDER SURVEILLANCE.
WHO ARE YOU RECOMMENDING FOR SUCH A TASK, LANTERN SALAAK?
SOMEONE FROM OUTSIDE THE LANTERN CORPS.
SOMEONE FROM EARTH.

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WHY DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE TO HANDLE EVERYTHING *YOURSELF?*
BECAUSE I *CAN* HANDLE IT MYSELF.
EVEN IF THAT WAS TRUE, YOU DON'T HAVE TO.
YOU DON'T *HAVE* TO KEEP PROVING *OVER* AND *OVER* TO EVERYONE THAT YOU'RE NOT *AFRAID* OF ANYTHING.
ALL IT'S GOING TO DO IS PUSH THE PEOPLE CLOSEST TO YOU FURTHER AWAY.
DON'T ANALYZE ME LIKE I'M A CRIME SCENE.
I'M JUST POINTING OUT *FACTS*, HAL. YOU'RE *PROGRAMMED* TO *LEAP* BEFORE *LOOKING*. I UNDERSTAND THAT'S WHO YOU ARE AND THAT'S WHO YOU'LL ALWAYS BE, BUT WORKING WITH SINESTRO--
GREEN ARROW WILL UNDERSTAND.
GREEN ARROW'S NOT SOMEONE YOU SHOULD LOOK TO FOR APPROVAL. HE'S A *MURDERER.*
YOU'VE NEVER LIKED HIM, HAVE YOU?
I'VE NEVER LIKED WHAT HE DID TO YOU.
WHICH IS *WHAT?*

HE WAS *RICH.* THEN HE *WASN'T.*
AND AFTER HE WENT THROUGH HIS *MID-LIFE CRISIS OF CONSCIENCE,* HE *PROJECTED* WHO OLIVER QUEEN *USED* TO BE ONTO *YOU.*
HE ACTUALLY MADE YOU *DOUBT* YOURSELF. AND MAKING HAL JORDAN DOUBT HIMSELF TAKES REAL SKILL.
ISN'T THAT WHAT *YOU'RE* TRYING TO DO?
NO.
I'M TRYING TO REMIND A *FRIEND* THAT WHEN HE'S IN A *HOLE* HE NEEDS TO STOP *DIGGING.*
WE HAVE TO BRING ATROCITUS IN FOR THESE MURDERS.
AND JUST IN CASE YOU'RE GOING TO START ARGU.NG WITH ME AGAIN, KNOW THAT I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE COMING TO *TALK* TO YOU ABOUT THIS.
I'M JUST HERE *FIRST* BECAUSE I'M THE *FASTEST.*
BARRY ALLEN?!

IS THAT YOUR REAL NAME?
MY WALLET--?
HEY! FINDERS KEEPERS!
BROTHER ALLEN, YOU KNOW I AM NEITHER A MURDERER NOR A THIEF.
PERHAPS IF YOU WORE A BLUE RING AGAIN YOU WOULD FEEL DIFFERENT ABOUT OUR MISSION HERE.
THE MISSION OF LOCATING THE ENTITIES?
NO. THE MISSION OF ADARA.
PLEASE. WE JUST WANT OUR DAUGHTER BACK!
WE HAVE ONE MISSION HERE, WALKER. TO PROTECT PEOPLE FROM BEING POSSESSED BY THESE ENTITIES AND TO KEEP THESE ENTITIES OUT OF THE WRONG HANDS.
WE SHARE THAT MISSION, GREEN LANTERN.

INDIGO?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WE HAVE COME TO JOIN FORCES ONCE AGAIN. AND WE BRING PROSELYTE WITH US.
BLACK HAND?
LAST TIME WE SAW BLACK HAND HE WAS OBSESSED WITH CAUSING THE DEATH OF EVERY LIVING THING, HAL. WHAT THE HELL DID THEY DO TO HIM?
WE GAVE HIM COMPASSION, FLASH.

AND HOW DID YOU DO THAT?
THE RING.
MY LIFE MAY HAVE BEEN RETURNED BY THE WHITE LIGHT, GREEN LANTERN, BUT IT IS THIS INDIGO RING THAT ALLOWED ME TO TRULY BE BORN AGAIN.
BORN AGAIN?
YOU CAN'T ERASE YOUR CRIMES BY PUTTING ON A RING. IF YOU CAN FEEL ANY KIND OF COMPASSION NOW, YOU'D BE HAUNTED BY THE GUILT FOR ALL THE EVIL YOU'VE DONE AND THE PEOPLE YOU'VE KILLED.
AS YOU ARE BECAUSE OF PARALLAX?
YOU ARE THE SAME MAN. I AM NOT. WILLIAM HAND NO LONGER EXISTS. HE WAS WITHOUT EMPATHY. HE WAS DEEPLY DISTURBED. THIS RING HAS RID THE UNIVERSE OF HIM.
IT IS MY SALVATION.
YOU BRAINWASHED HIM.
YOU HAD YOUR REBIRTH AND NOW I HAVE HAD MINE.
NO. THE INDIGO LIGHT IGNITED A CHANGE WITH N. HE HAS CONVERTED TO OUR WAY.

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SINESTRO, ATROCITUS AND NOW BLACK HAND? YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO CHOOSE THEM OVER BATMAN AND SUPERMAN? WHO, BY THE WAY, WILL BE HERE ANY MINUTE.
ONCE AGAIN, HAL, STOP DIGGING YOURSELF INTO THIS HOLE.
IT'S GOING TO TURN INTO A GRAVE.
KRAKOOOM
THE INDIGO TRIBE HELPS THOSE THAT ARE INCAPABLE OF HELPING THEMSELVES. AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING NOW.
[illegible]TRY, HATRED AND EVIL ARE INNATE WITHIN FAR TOO MANY. BUT THE INDIGO TRIBE CAN ALTER THAT WITH THE POWER THAT FLOWS WITHIN ME.
WITHIN PROSELYTE.
SO IF THE RINGS ARE FORCING YOU TO FEEL COMPASSION, INDIGO-1--
--WHAT ARE YOU LIKE WITHOUT THEM?

BUT WERE YOU ALL LIKE BLACK HAND? MANIACS AND MURDERERS?
WE ARE ALL BORN AGAIN.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
YOW!
TRYING TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION.
I CAN'T SENSE ANY HOPE INSIDE THEM.
IT APPEARS AS IF BLACK HAND'S EMOTIONS ARE BEING CONTROLLED BY THE RING. PERHAPS THAT APPLIES TO ALL OF THEM.
THE INDIGO TRIBE IS NOT YOURS TO JUDGE, BLUE LANTERNS.
THE INDIGO RINGS ARE CAPABLE OF CHANNELING OTHER LIGHT FROM THE SPECTRUM. I DID NOT REALIZE IT WAS A NECESSITY.
NOK.
NOK.
LORRA LEK TOR GARROT.
NOK.
YOU CANNOT TRUST ANYONE WHO WIELDS EMOTION, GREEN LANTERN.
IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO WORK WITH US, LANTERNS, WE WILL TAKE THE ENTITIES OURSELVES.
NOT IF WE CAN'T TRUST YOU.

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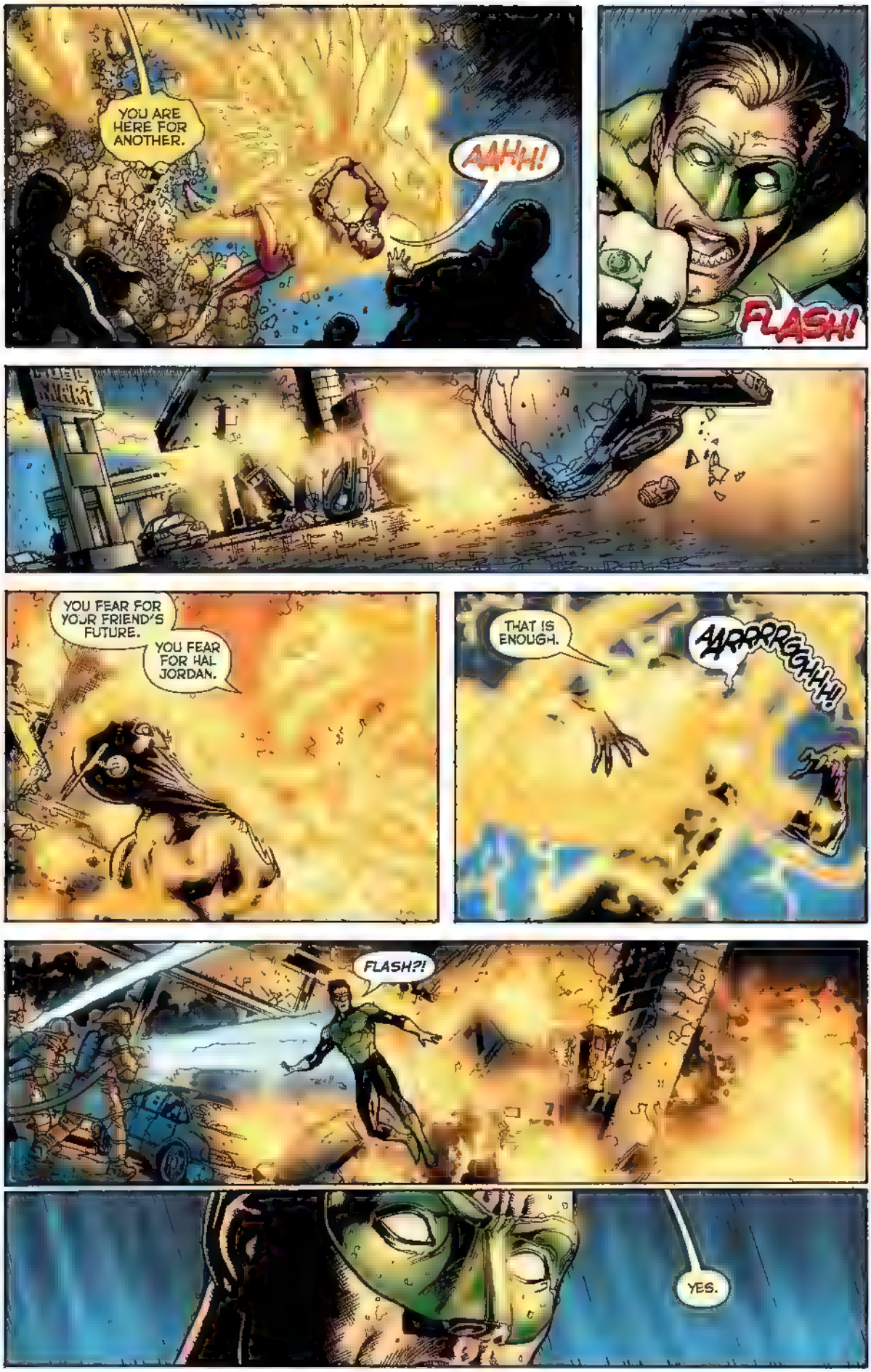
YOU ARE HERE FOR ANOTHER.
AAHH!
FLASH!
YOU FEAR FOR YOUR FRIEND'S FUTURE.
YOU FEAR FOR HAL JORDAN.
THAT IS ENOUGH.
AARRRRGHHH!
FLASH?!
YES.

AND PARALLAX.

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THE NEW GUARDIANS
CHAPTER EIGHT

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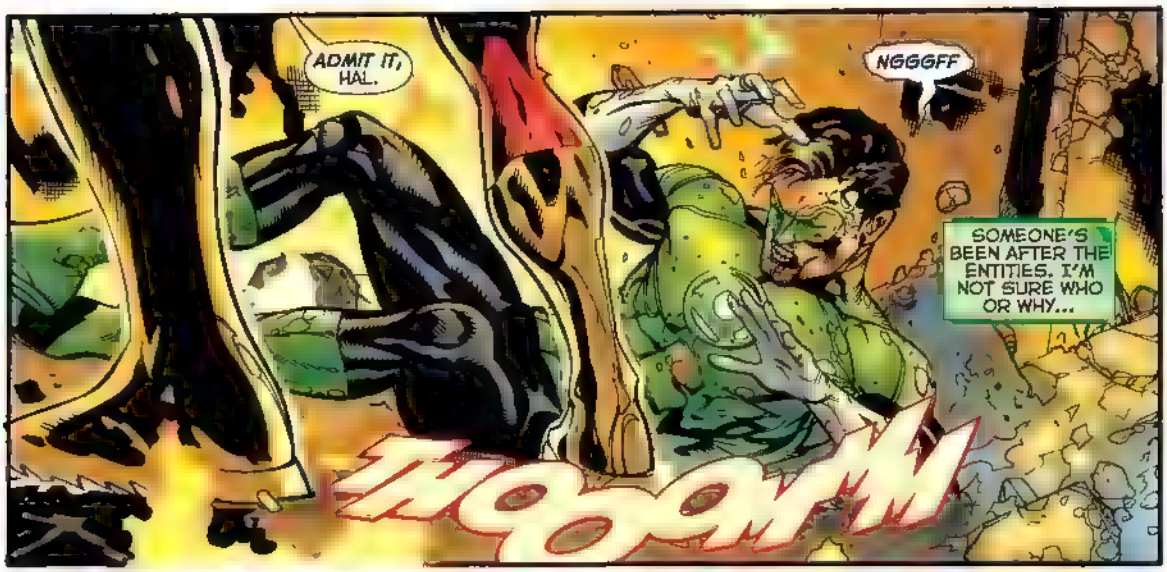
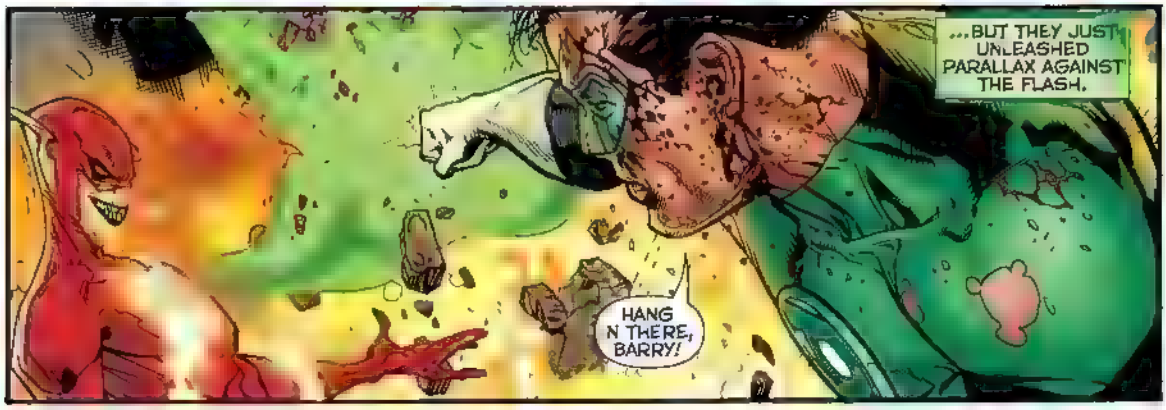
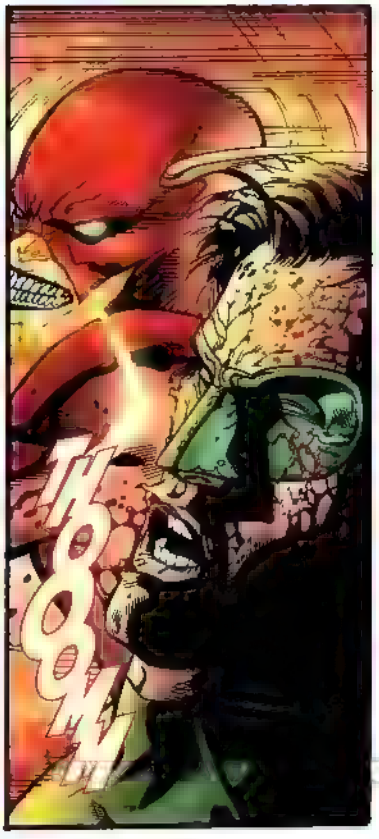
SIX WEEKS AGO, THE DARKNESS GAINED SENTIENCE. IT CALLED ITSELF NEKRON.
NEKRON TURNED THE DEAD INTO HIS OWN PERSONAL ARMY AND WAGED A WAR TO END ALL LIFE ACROSS THE UNIVERSE.
HE LOST.
IT'S USUALLY UP TO THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS TO TAKE ON ENEMIES LIKE THIS, BUT IT TOOK THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF THE CORPS' GREATEST ENEMIES AND ALLIES TO PUT THE PROVERBIAL STAKE IN NEKRON'S HEART.
IN THE AFTERMATH OF NEKRON'S ALL-NIGHTER, THE SEVEN EMOTIONAL ENTITIES OF OUR RESPECTIVE CORPS WERE DRAWN TO EARTH BY THE PRESENCE OF AN ORACULAR WHITE LANTERN.
THESE ENTITIES ARE AMONG SOME OF THE MOST POWERFUL COSMIC FORCES IN THE UNIVERSE. AND THEY HAVE A HABIT OF POSSESSING LIVING BEINGS.
I'VE TAKEN IT UPON MYSELF TO ESCORT THEM OFF EARTH.
PARALLAX.

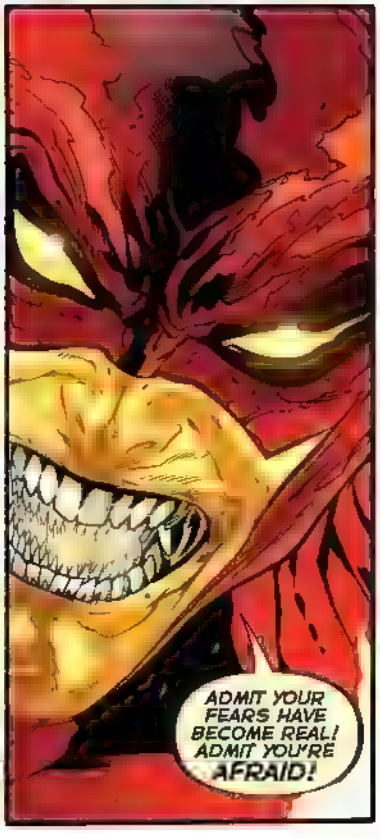
SO FAR, I'M DOING A LOUSY JOB OF T.
SILVONIA, MACHORAN.
HEY, WE'RE OLD FRIENDS, HAL.
FEAR ENTITY OR NOT
YOU CAN STILL CALL ME THE FLASH
THOOOM
THOOOM
THOOOM





WHICH BRINGS US UP TO NOW.
THIS IS WHY YOU D DN'T WANT TO GET ME OR THE JUSTICE LEAGLE INVOLVED, R GHT? YOU WERE *AFRAID* THAT SOMEONE ELSE WOULD BE POSSESSED BY THIS YELLOW POWER.





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I WAS. I AM.
BUT YOU'RE JUST GIVING ME A HILL TO CLIMB, PARALLAX. THAT'S ALL I NEED TO FOCUS MY WILL.
AND DO SOME DAMAGE.
NNGG.
LET'S GET YOU SOMEWHERE YOU CAN'T RUN.

H-HAL? WHAT'S GOING ON? PLEASE, ST-STOP. I'M YOUR BEST FRIEND.
IF ANY PART OF YOU CAN THINK CLEARLY, BARRY, YOU'LL KNOW IT'S NOT YOU I'M FIGHTING.
WHY FIGHT PARALLAX EITHER? YOU OWE PARALLAX!
I OWE PARALLAX?
YOU KNOW, DESPITE OUR DIFFERENCES WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN GOOD FRIENDS. BUT TODAY I FEEL A NEW KINSHIP WITH YOU, HAL.
AND WITH THE LIGHTNING AROUND US.
WITH PARALLAX'S POWER, I CAN ACTUALLY TALK TO THE EXTRADIMENSIONAL ENERGY THAT MAKES ME THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE.
THE SPEED FORCE.

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DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN WE FIRST MET, HAL? I'D GIVE YOU A BOOK TO READ EVERY FEW WEEKS. YOU'D ALWAYS NOD AND THANK ME, BUT YOU NEVER HAD *ANY* INTENTION OF OPENING THE COVER.
I GAVE YOU MY WELL-WORN COPY OF H.G. WELLS' THE TIME MACHINE. I MUST'VE READ IT A DOZEN TIMES WHEN I WAS YOUNG.
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW BADLY I WISH TIME TRAVEL COULD BE MASTERED, HAL.
ARRGHH!
I DIDN'T READ THE BOOK, BUT I SAW THE MOVIE.
WHAT'S THE TIME MACHINE HAVE TO DO WITH ME?

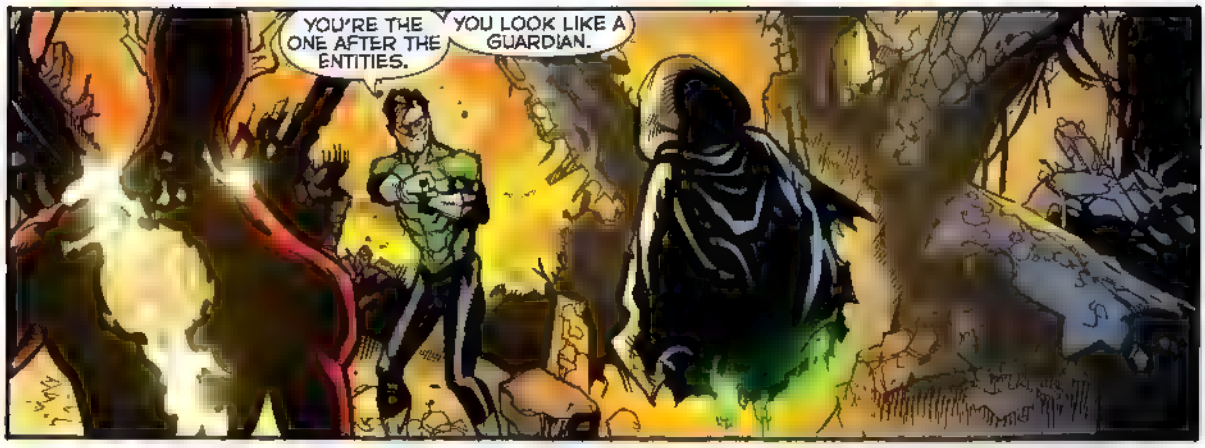
ON THE SURFACE, SOCIETY HAD EVOLVED INTO A SIMPLE LIFE OF LEISURE IN THE FAR FUTURE. THEY NEVER ASKED *WHY* OR *HOW* THINGS WERE PROVIDED FOR THEM.
IT WASN'T UNTIL THEY MET THE CANNIBALISTIC MORLOCKS THAT THEY REALIZED THEY WERE CATTLE BEING FED.
I'D ALWAYS IMAGINED THEY FOUGHT AGAINST THE MORLOCKS AND TOOK CONTROL OF THEIR LIVES.
IT'S NOT UNLIKE YOU AND PARALLAX.
PARALLAX ISN'T JUST *TERROR*, HA., IT'S *ENLIGHTENMENT*. IT TAUGHT YOU TO RECOGNIZE FEAR INSTEAD OF *IGNORING* IT.
YOUR WILL IS STRONGER BECAUSE OF YOUR JOURNEY WITH PARALLAX.
AND NOW IT'S MY TURN TO *LEARN* FROM FEAR.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT I'M AFRAID OF?
LOSING SOMEONE.
YOU KNOW YOU ALMOST HAD ME. YOU REALLY DID. BUT BARRY'S ALREADY *OVERCOME* LOSS.
YOU MAY HAVE ACCESS TO HIS MEMORIES AND INNERMOST THOUGHTS, BUT YOU'RE NOT HIM.
YOU'RE JUST A *BUG*.

BOOM
SOLD
WHAT ARE YOU DOING WASTING YOUR TIME WITH BARRY ALLEN? YOU DON'T REALLY WANT TO BOND WITH *HIM*, DO YOU? YOU WANT YOUR REVENGE ON *ME*.
SO WHAT ARE YOU *WAITING* FOR?
HERE I AM!
OR ARE YOU *AFRAID*?
ARE YOU AFRAID OF *ME*?

I AM FEAR AND FEAR FEARS NOTHING!!
NO, PARALLAX.

YOU WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO USURP HAL JORDAN. BECAUSE OF HIS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCES NOW, HE WILL LIKELY RESIST YOUR INFLUENCE.

GREETINGS, EARTHMAN


YOU'RE THE ONE AFTER THE ENTITIES.
YOU LOOK LIKE A GUARDIAN.

I AM NOT A GUARDIAN!

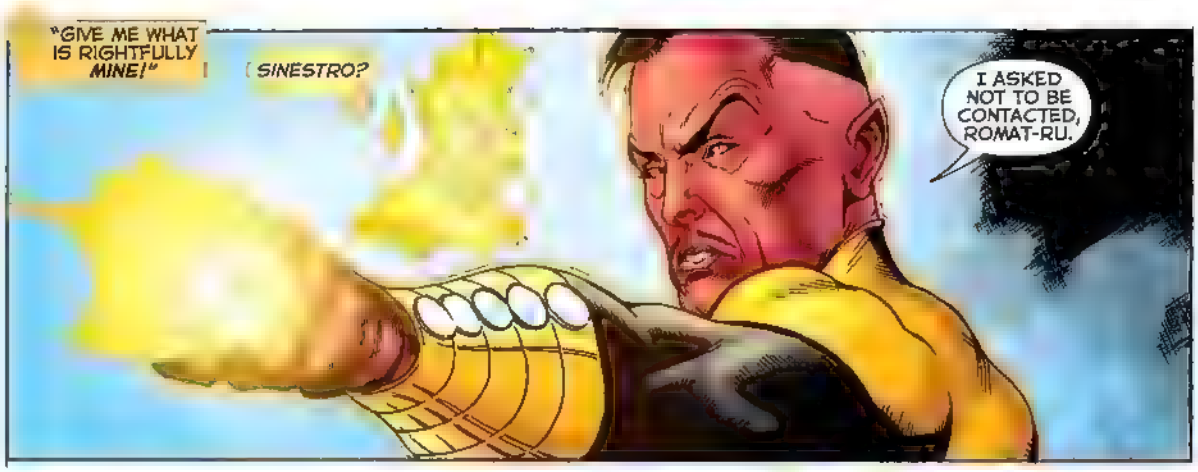
YOU'RE RIGHT.

GUARDIANS DON'T GET SO EMOTIONAL.

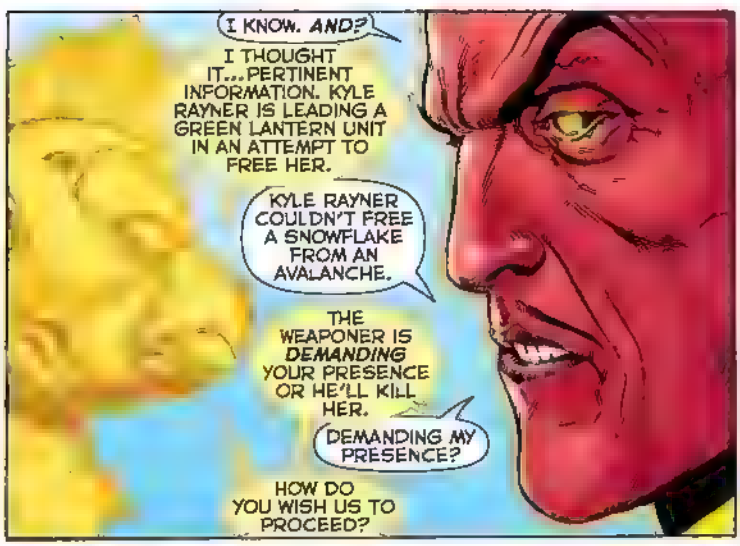
AND GUARDIANS REFUSE TO RECOGN ZE THEIR EMOTIONS.
HOW ARE YOU CONTROLLING PARALLAX?
I ONCE CONTROLLED ALL OF THE ENTITIES. I WAS THE R KEEPER. I AM PARALLAX'S KEEPER AGAIN.
AND WITH ION UNDER MY CONTROL AS WELL, EVEN THE WILLPOWER STORED WITH N YOUR R NG OBEYS MY ABSOLUTE CONTROL.
NOT YOURS.
KRRRAAAZZTTT
IGNORANT PRIMATE!
AAAHHH!
THE WAR OF LIGHT HAS PUT THE EMOTIONAL SPECTRUM IN THE HANDS OF FAR TOO MANY ACROSS THE UNIVERSE.
LIKE YOU, THEY ARE TOO VACUOUS TO APPRECIATE ITS TRUE POWER
YOU HAVE UNDERESTIMATED US.

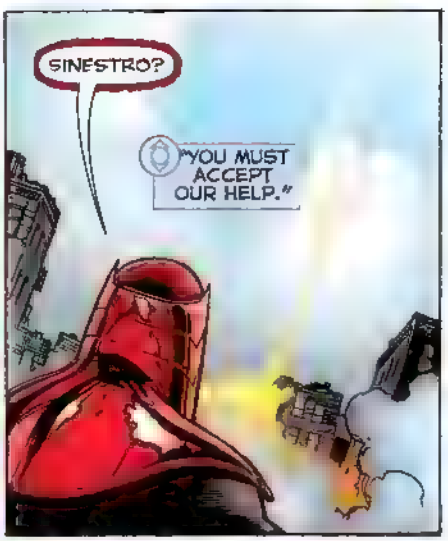
GREATLY.

DO NOT JUDGE WHO YOU DO NOT KNOW. I DEVOTE MY SPIRIT TO ONE BELIEF--
--ALL WILL BE WELL.
I HAVE ABSOLUTE FAITH IN THAT.
WALKER! I NEED YOUR HELP.
YOUR BLUE LIGHT CAN WEAKEN YELLOW.
IT CAN HELP ME EXORCIZE PARALLAX!
IS THIS LITTLE BEING THE ONE WHO STOLE MY LANTERN?!
WHERE IS IT!? WHERE IS MY LANTERN AND THE ENTITY THAT I TRAPPED INSIDE?
TELL ME BEFORE I STEAL YOUR EYES FROM THEIR SOCKETS!


"GIVE ME WHAT IS RIGHTFULLY *MINE!*"
SINESTRO?
I ASKED NOT TO BE CONTACTED, ROMAT-RU.

THE BUTCHER WAS HERE, SINESTRO
BUT HIS TRACKS ARE FADING. BLOOD MUST BE SPILLED IF HIS LOCATION IS TO BE REVEALED.
I APOLOGIZE FOR THE INTERRUPTION, MY LEADER, BUT THE WEAPONER, THE ONE WHO FIRST FORGED YOUR YELLOW RING...HE'S HOLDING YOUR DAUGHTER ON QWARD.


I KNOW. *AND?*
I THOUGHT IT...PERTINENT INFORMATION. KYLE RAYNER IS LEADING A GREEN LANTERN UNIT IN AN ATTEMPT TO FREE HER.
KYLE RAYNER COULDN'T FREE A SNOWFLAKE FROM AN AVALANCHE.
THE WEAPONER IS *DEMANDING* YOUR PRESENCE OR HE'LL KILL HER.
DEMANDING MY PRESENCE?
HOW DO YOU WISH US TO PROCEED?


SINESTRO?
"YOU MUST ACCEPT OUR HELP."

STEP BACK, GREEN LANTERN.
UNLIKE OUR LIMITATIONS, PROSELYTE IS CAPABLE OF CHANNELING EVERY EMOTION WITHIN RANGE AT ONCE.
THE WAR BETWEEN COMPASSION AND FEAR IS ANCIENT. LET US RE GNITE IT.
HOPE.
FEAR.
COMPASSION
AVARICE
WIL...
"THOSE WITHOUT HOPE--
--ARE BLINDED BY IT."
AND THAT IS YOUR MISTAKE, HUMAN--
--I HAVE HOPE.
AND THANKS TO YOU, I HAVE THESE ENTITIES.
SKKCHH
SKKCHH

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WHO ARE YOU?
MY IDENTITY IS NOT SECRET
THEN WHY ARE YOU WEARING BANDAGES?
THEY ARE MALTUSIAN EVOLUTION TAPESTRIES DESIGNED TO REGENERATE MY BODY WHICH WAS DESTROYED BY THE GUARDIANS SO MANY TIMES. THE GUARDIANS. THEY CAST ME OUT NOT ONLY BECAUSE I TRIED TO DISCOVER THE SECRET OF CREATION--
BUT BECAUSE I FELT JOY IN DOING SO.
THEY LABELED ME A PARIAH AND THOUGHT ME IMPRISONED FOREVER.

BUT THE RENEGADE GUARDIAN HAS RETURNED. I AM KRONA. AND I AM MAD.

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THE NEW GUARDIANS
CHAPTER NINE

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DEER LODGE, MONTANA
THIS IS A STRANGE WORLD
DON'T YOU TALK BACK TO ME, YOU UNDERSTAND?
I'M SICK OF YOUR MOUTH!
TOO BAD! I'M NOT DOIN' THIS, JAKE! I AIN'T GONNA BE YOUR PUNCHING BAG NO MORE!
YOU'LL BE WITH ME OR YOU WON'T BE WITH ANYONE, YOU UNDERSTAND?
I CAN MAKE YOU DISAPPEAR, JENNY.
CHAK
A STRANGE WORLD FULL OF STRANGE PEOPLE
LOOK OUT!

HATE!
KRAKKSHH

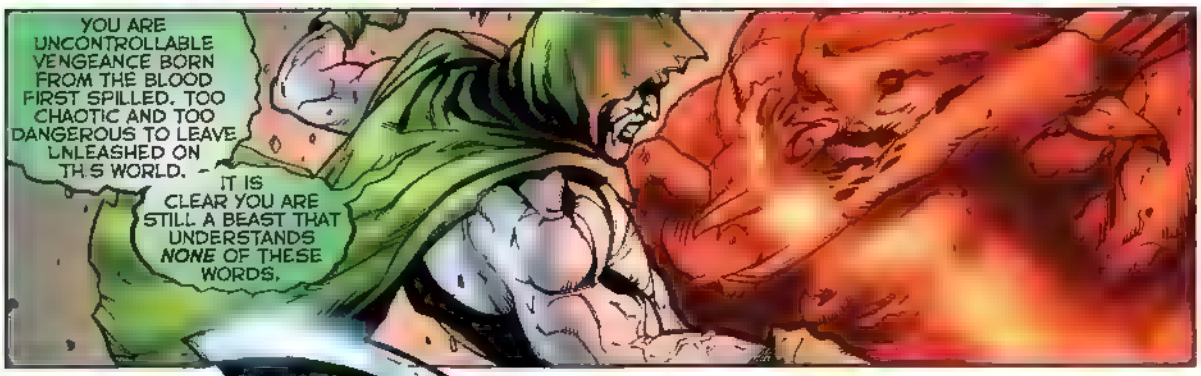
I HATE THEM!
AM ATROCITUS THE RED LANTERN
REVEAL TO ME THE LOCATION OF THE BUTCHER.
THERE IS NOTHING ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW!
JOSHUA HAYES, YOU SIT HERE BEFORE THE STATE AND BEFORE THE FAMILY OF YOUR VICTIM. DO YOU HAVE ANY FINAL WORDS?

DO I GOT ANYTH NG TO SAY, WARDEN?
YEAH. I DO.
WHICH ONE OF YOU WAS THE GIRL'S FATHER?
HER NAME WAS ELIZABETH.
YOU NEVER CAME TO MY TRIAL, MR. KIM. MY LAWYER TOLD ME YOU WEREN'T UP FOR ALL THE DETAILS.
BUT YOU MADE IT ALL THE WAY HERE TO WATCH ME DIE, DIDN'T YOU?
YOU GOT SOMETHING TO SAY, HAYES, YOU GET ON WITH IT/ CLOCK'S TICKIN' AND THE DEVIL'S WAITIN'!
I JUST WANTED TO LET HER FATHER KNOW, WARDEN...
...SHE LIKED IT.
YOU'RE GOING TO FRY FOR WHAT YOU DID/ YOU'RE GOING TO HELL FOR WHAT YOU PUT MY DAUGHTER THROUGH!
MR. KIM, PLEASE.
JAMES, STOP.
HE'S A MONSTER!
I WISH I COULD KILL HIM MYSELF.
HEH. I WOULD'VE LIKED TO SEE YOU TRY THAT, OLD MAN.

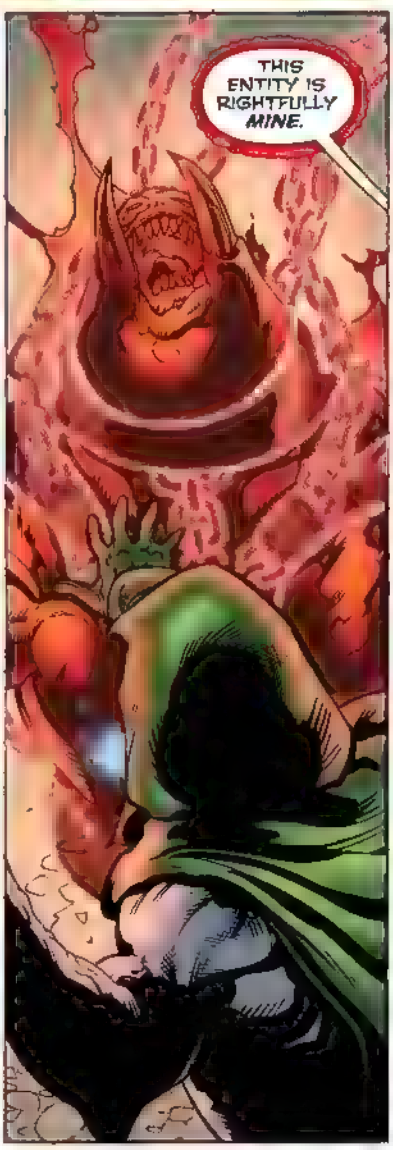
BOOOOMM
AAAHH!
OH MY GOD!
JAMES KIM OF EARTH
YOU HAVE GREAT RAGE IN YOUR HEART.
AND I AM HUNGRY.
BUTCHER.

I WARNED YOU LONG AGO.
EARTH IS MY DOMAIN
BOOM
YOU WILL HEED YOUR SEARCH FOR A HOST AND YOU WILL LEAVE THIS WORLD.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
AM RUNWAY

HEY, WAIT! GET ME THE HELL *OUT* OF HERE!


YOU ARE UNCONTROLLABLE VENGEANCE BORN FROM THE BLOOD FIRST SPILLED. TOO CHAOTIC AND TOO DANGEROUS TO LEAVE UNLEASHED ON TH S WORLD.
IT IS CLEAR YOU ARE STILL A BEAST THAT UNDERSTANDS *NONE* OF THESE WORDS.

AND BEASTS ARE MADE FOR *SLAUGHTER.*


THIS ENTITY IS RIGHTFULLY *MINE.*

I WARNED YOU ONCE, ATROCITUS. INTERFERE NOW AND YOU WILL BE JUDGED.
WHY? YOU ARE NOT AN ENEMY OF MY CORPS, SPECTRE, YOU ARE A BATTERY FOR IT! YOU ARE A SERVANT OF RAGE!
I AM NO ONE'S SERVANT BUT GOD'S.
RRRRWRR
JAMES KIM OF EARTH! YOU HAVE GREAT RAGE IN YOUR HEART
AND I AM HUNGRY
AAHHH-!
CHMPFFF
YOU TOOK MY DAUGHTER FROM OUR HOME
SHE CRIED AS YOU DID, AND THEN YOU CUT HER BODY INTO PIECES
HELP! SOMEBODY!

I'M GOING TO DO THE SAME TO YOU!

THE BUTCHER HAS CONSUMED A HOST. HE MUST BE FREED BEFORE HE IS CORRUPTED.
THIS IS YOUR LAST WARNING, ATROCITUS. INTERFERE AGAIN AND SUFFER MY WRATH.
ARRR!
THAT SOUL IS NOT YOURS TO JUDGE, JAMES KIM. IT IS MINE.
WHO ARE YOU TO JUDGE MY DAUGHTER'S KILLER?
I AM A KILLER MYSELF.
HERE TO DO WHAT YOU SHOULD NOT.
SHE LIKED IT
SHE LIKED IT
SHUT UP
SHE LIKED IT
BABUM

SHUT UP!
SPLAATCH
SHE LIKED IT
STOP SAYING THAT!
SHE WAS MY DAUGHTER!
SHE WAS EH-EVERYTHING!
THE BUTCHER IS GOAD NG YOU, JAMES. IT WANTS YOUR RAGE TO EMPOWER HIS. BJT YOU MJST F,GHT AGAINST IT.

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MY BABY GIRL!
WA-WAIT! I-I'M SUH-SORRY! I'M SORRY!
APOLOGY NOT ACCEPTED.
THIS IS NOT JUST ABOUT YOU, BUTCHER.
SLAT-CH

THIS IS ABOUT EVERY RED LANTERN THAT SERVES ME.
THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED AS JAMES KIM HAS. AS I HAVE.
RAGE IS ALL WE HAVE LEFT.
I CANNOT LET IT FALL INTO THE WRONG HANDS.
WITH HIS DAUGHTER'S KILLER DEAD, THIS HOST'S ANGER IS SUBSIDING.
IF YOU HAVE SUFFERED AS JAMES KIM HAS, THEN PERHAPS YOU WILL SERVE ME BETTER.

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AND YOU WILL BE CONTAINED.
SPECTRE.
MY LANTERN. IT CAN IMPRISON THE ENTITY UNTIL I CAN RETURN TO YSMAULT.
THEN LET IT.
RRRFF
WITH BLOOD AND RAGE OF CRIMSON RED RIPPED FROM A CORPSE SO FRESHLY DEAD
TOGETHER WITH OUR HELLISH HATE WE'LL BURN YOU ALL--
STILL HUNGER
--THAT IS YOUR FATE!

THE BUTCHER IS IMPRISONED AND PROTECTED.
I WILL LEAVE EARTH WITH--
THE BUTCHER MAY BE TAKEN CARE OF, BUT THERE ARE STILL GUILTY SOULS TO JUDGE.
JAMES KIM.
YOU HAVE BLOOD ON YOUR HANDS.
BWOOSH
NNGG!

ATROCITUS? YOU WISH TO CONTINUE TO FIGHT?
IF I MUST. YOU WERE CHAINED TO A HUMAN SOUL TO UNDERSTAND HUMANITY, BUT IT IS CLEAR YOU UNDERSTAND IT NO MORE THAN THE GUARDIANS.
THIS MAN...
...THIS MAN LOST HIS DAUGHTER.
YOU HAVE NO EMOTIONAL COMPONENT TO YOUR JUDGMENT. FOR YOU, VENGEANCE IS SIMPLY EYE-FOR-AN-EYE.
BUT THAT CONVICT'S LIFE DID NOT EQUAL THE LIFE OF KIM'S DAUGHTER.
HIS "EYE" IS WORTH NOTHING COMPARED TO HERS.
EYE-FOR-AN-EYE IS A FALLACY.
YOU DARE QUESTION MY SCRIPTURE?
YOU MAY BE OBJECTIVE AND CALM IN YOUR JUDGMENTS, SPECTRE, BUT ONCE YOU PASS THEM YOU ARE NO LONGER HAUNTED BY THEIR VICTIMS.
BUT THE VICTIMS ARE OUR FAMILIES. AND THE HAUNTINGS NEVER STOP. NO MATTER WHAT BLOOD HAS SPILLED, THERE WILL NEVER BE ENOUGH TO BALANCE THE SCALES.
SO IF YOU WISH TO JUDGE JAMES KIM, YOU MUST FIRST JUDGE ME.
SO BE IT.

I UNDERSTAND.
WHAT?
YOU CANNOT BE JUDGED.
NOT NOW.
YOUR MISSION AGAINST KRONA IS A HOLY ONE.
BUT KNOW THAT IT WILL NOT LAST FOREVER.

THIS IS A STRANGE WORLD FULL OF STRANGE PEOPLE.
THANK YOU. WHOEVER YOU--
RRRRAAARRR!
I HATE IT.
I HATE THEM.
MOST OF THEM.

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CONCLUSION

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I REMEMBER HIM BEING A LOT *TALLER.*
HIS NAME IS *KRONA.*
BILLIONS OF YEARS AGO, LONG BEFORE THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS EXISTED, KRONA STOOD ALONGSIDE THE OTHER OANS THAT WOULD ONE DAY EVOLVE INTO THE GUARDIANS OF THE UNIVERSE.
HE HAS GIVEN US NO CHOICE, KRONA. HE HAS BECOME FAR TOO DANGEROUS.
BUT THE THINGS HE CAN *TEACH* US ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE ENTITIES. ARE YOU CERTAIN WE MUST LEAVE HIM HERE, GANTHET?
KRONA WAS AN OAN SCIENTIST OBSESSED WITH DISCOVERING THE ORIGINS OF THE UNIVERSE.
YES. I SEE IT! THE BEGINNING!
HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACCIDENTAL *CREATION* OF THE ANTI-MATTER UNIVERSE AND ALL THAT IT GAVE BIRTH TO: QWARD AND THE WEAPONERS. THE ANTI-MONITOR. AND ULTIMATELY, SINESTRO'S YELLOW RING.
KRONA WAS *BANISHED* BY HIS FELLOW OANS FOR IT.
THERE'S A LOT BETWEEN *THEN* AND *NOW* I DON'T KNOW.
GO ON THEN, GREEN LANTERN.
SHOW ME YOUR WILLPOWER.